

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-12 (CANCELED)

13. (NEW) A high performance drum brake assembly for automotive braking system, comprises of a cylinder assembly, back plate, strut assembly, lined leading shoe, lined heading shoe and a lever assembly characterized in that the lever is pivotally inclined to the lined leading shoe such that the rear end of the lever is sustained by the strut positioned at the upper end of the brake drum

14. (NEW) The high performance drum brake assembly according to claim 3 wherein the fore end of the lever is sustained by a piston and a pressurized input is supplied to the lever on actuating the wheel cylinder assembly.

15. (NEW) The high performance drum brake assembly according to claim 13, comprising of a backplate, lined leading shoe, lined trailing shoe, shoe return springs, handbrake lever and shoe hold down springs wherein on actuating the wheel cylinder assembly the lever rotates about its pivot and actuates the strut assembly so as that lined trailing shoe receives inputs from both the wheel cylinder and strut assembly.

16. (NEW) The high performance drum brake assembly, as claimed in claim 15, wherein, strut assembly actuates the lined trailing shoe that in-turn actuates the lined leading shoe such that resultant force acting on the leading shoe is atleast twice that of the input and results in low friction lining.

17. (NEW) The high performance drum brake assembly according to claim 15 wherein the wheel cylinder is fixed to the backplate by means of mounting screws and the lined shoe assemblies are held to the backplate by means of shoe hold springs that are held together with the help of shoe return springs.